



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 10, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, **November 10**, 2014 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Helgoth, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:09 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Hahn attended the Midland Agency on Aging meeting in Hastings; Weller attended two Economic Development meetings; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on Tuesday, November 4; Wiegert went to Illinois with Caterpillar to tour their factories.

Official reports: Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr said they used the 4-H building line item in their budget to hire a grant writer for \$25.00 an hour and it will take about 50 hours. The grant writer will write the grant for the half million Peter Kwiet grant. They are going to hire someone for four hours of research to see if other grants are out there. They will take this out of their miscellaneous line item and it will cost \$100.00. There is \$200.00 budgeted and they already have a contract signed for this. Stuhr had emailed a contract to the Board from the architect but Stuhr said it has not been corrected. The Fair Board would not be signing the contract for the architect until their meeting on the 20th and she would bring a corrected contract to the County Board as soon as she received it this a.m. Gary Berry gave an update on what he has been doing in his office. Sheriff Kevin Campbell said they had 353 total calls last month and on November 22, 2014 they will be doing their third food bank. This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving and they will have perishable and nonperishable items. They had 75 families at the first food bank and 150 at the second one. Campbell is a Certified Firearm instructor for another four years. Campbell also told the Board that he had been checking into D.A. Davidson about financing of vehicles that would save the county money by costing around \$13,000.00 a year for two vehicles instead of the \$25,000.00 that has been budgeted for one. County Clerk Wichmann informed the Board that Merrick County had been selected at random to conduct a manual audit for the 2014 General Election. County Attorney Homolka said she needed a resolution from the County Board to make her position full time and wants the Board permission to continue with the special prosecution cases she has been appointed to handle by other counties. Tom Smith, Emergency Manager, said the Summerwood Lakes siren did not get approved. There will be a LEPC meeting November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room.

Hospital update: Julie Murray, Litzenberg Hospital Administrator gave the Board an over view of what has been happening at the hospital. They are going through open enrollment for their health insurance plan. They are self-funded and there will be no rate increase. They have made an improvement to the drug prescription card so that now they can go anywhere to fill scripts. Dr. Manke has gone part time.

Energy plan hearing: Moved Graves, second Weller to go into hearing for the adding of an energy plan to the Merrick County Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Keith Marvin said a statute states that all second class cities and above and counties have an energy element in place by January 2015 and there is no penalty clause. The energy element being presented can be changed by the County Board if they choose to later. Planning & Zoning Myers said the Planning & Zoning Board had approve the Energy Plan. Moved Weller, second Graves to close the hearing at 10:07a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to add the Energy Element to the Merrick County Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Hospital Board appointment: Moved Weller, second Graves to appoint Val Blauhorn to the Litzenberg Hospital Board per the recommendation from the Hospital Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Certification of Highway Superintendent: The Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for determining the incentive payment for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 was presented to the Board for the approval to have the Chairman sign it. Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the Chairman signing the Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for determining the incentive payment for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Bader Park update: Pat Carlson gave her end of the year report on Bader Park. Carlson said the park is open 365 days a year. Hahn wanted to personally thank Carlson for her hard work at Bader Park. Carlson said the house renovation is about half done.

County Government Day: Tammy Stuhr said County Government Day would be Thursday, November 20, 2014 and they would like to have a mock board meeting as well as the mock trial that the students seem to really enjoy.

4-H building project architect: Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr presented the new contract she had received that morning with the corrections. Stuhr went over the corrections with the Board and County Attorney. The County will have to pay for insurance other than the construction. The contractor should have insurance on the construction part but the other insurance will have to be covered by the County's insurance company, NIRMA. The bills will be due the first of each month for the project and if the project is dragged out longer than the agreed 48 months the architect's rates would change. County Attorney Homolka said that 11.8.1 needs to be broken down better in the contract. The Board tabled the signing of the architect's contract until the next Board meeting on November 25, 2014.

Bond company: County Attorney Homolka said that Ameritas rate was 1.1% with bond council for themselves only and D.A. Davidson's was 1% inclusive. Moved Helgoth, second Weller to go with D.A. Davidson as the bond company for the 4-H building project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Bond resolution: The Board wants the bond resolution put on the next agenda and to have the accountant for the County at the next board meeting. They will also need an agreement between the County Board and the Ag Society and also a lease.

Pledge securities: Treasurer Bolte said a pledge security for 3 million was pulled at Cornerstone Bank on October 24, 2014 and another 2 million pulled on October 29, 2014. The County was over pledged.

Maximus: A new Maximus contract for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 to complete the Merrick County Indirect Cost Allocation plan was presented to the Board for their approval. Moved Weller, second Hahn to approve the new Maximus contract for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 to complete the Merrick County Indirect Cost Allocation plan. Roll Call: All Ayes.

State Grant Award: A duplicate of the State Grant Award with the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice was presented to the Board by County Attorney Homolka. Homolka said that the Board had approved the grant award already but the Nebraska Commission lost the original so they need to approve the signing of the duplicate for Juvenile Diversion. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the signing of the duplicate of the State Grant Award with the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Roll Call: All Ayes.
Russell Kreachbaum absent at 12:10 p.m.

October 2014 fees: The October 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk were presented for approval. Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the October 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

November 2014 claims: The November 2014 claims were presented to the Board for approval. Kucera said she did not want to be paid for training on the counting/ resolution board. That claim will be adjusted by \$30.00.

GENERAL

JOHNROSS ABOLD	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	SCALES DUES	\$	4,500.00
ADVANCED MEDICAL IMAGING LLC	CORONER	\$	500.00
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	UNIFORM	\$	118.44
ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL	SUPPLIES	\$	77.53
ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSE	\$	6.50
AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	448.00
BILL STUART PLUMBING	BLDG REPAIR	\$	1,109.90
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEY	EDUCATION	\$	100.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	243.99
BOSSELMAN ENERGY	PROPANE	\$	488.70
BRITE EXPRESS	CLEANING SRVC	\$	2,450.00
BROOKS & ASSOCIATES	EQUIPMENT	\$	65.00
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	20.83



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KEVIN CAMPBELL	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
CARPENTER REPORTING,INC	COURT EXPENSE	\$	83.90
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$	39.56
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER BOARD	\$	117.96
CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	COUNTY SUPPORT	\$	7,000.00
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CO SUPPORT COUNTY	\$	2,307.19
CENTRAL NE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	SUPPORT	\$	4,000.00
CHIEF/LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLY	UNIFORMS	\$	203.46
TODD CHURCH	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	2,089.23
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	JAIL UTILITIES	\$	56.08
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	179.14
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	6.79
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	307.92
BEN CLOUSE	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	EQUIPMENT	\$	696.96
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$	76.00
COPYCAT PRINTING/SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$	25.00
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER BOARD	\$	8.99
CURRY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	983.50
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER BOARD	\$	1,196.44
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY	CORONER REFUND	\$	125.00
DHHS	PAYMENT	\$	1,750.32
REINY DICKHAUT	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	302.58
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	15.65
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	13.70
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$	50.78
ECO WATER SYSTEMS	OFFICE WATER	\$	171.00
ELECTION	ELECTION WORK	\$	4,709.91
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,284.08
ERIN FOUSEK	MH BOARD	\$	190.00
STACIE GODING	MH BOARD	\$	481.90
JIM L GRAVES	MILEAGE	\$	29.12
LINDA GREGER	DIRECTOR PRISONER	\$	135.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARD	\$	1,688.73
HAMPTON INN / KEARNEY	LODGING	\$	166.00
HAPP PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	1,047.58
SARA HAWTHORNE	MILEAGE	\$	263.20



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LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	58.70
	PRISONER		
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	BOARD	\$	40.95
TROY INGRAM	REGISTRATION	\$	130.00
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	159.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	14.90
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	1,213.86
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	478.61
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PUBLICATION	\$	40.16
KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	70.00
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$	788.20
KEVIN KOZIOL	MILEAGE	\$	136.64
JIM LAUDENKLOS	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY	\$	265.00
LITZENBERG/HOSPITAL OPERATING	SUPPORT	\$	8,333.33
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$	436.00
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	MEDICAL SRVC	\$	146.00
	PRISONER		
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C.	BOARD	\$	108.00
ROSS A LUZUM, ATTORNEY AT LAW	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	394.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULT SRVC	\$	1,400.00
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR	\$	307.99
	RECORDING		
MERRICK CO. CLERK	FEES	\$	30.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	128.00
	TRANSFER		
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUNDS	\$	83,390.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	163.49
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	DATA PROCESS	\$	35.00
MIPS INC.	EQUIPMENT	\$	250.69
	COMPUTER		
MIPS INC.	PROG	\$	3,168.14
MIPS	14100652	\$	225.00
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$	365.12
NACCTFO-TREASURER	DUES	\$	75.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	720.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING			
CENTER	L.E. TRAINING	\$	100.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL			
LAB	D&A TESTING	\$	315.00
	PRISONER		
NORM'S U SAVE PHARMACY	BOARD	\$	369.72
	ELEVATOR		
NT&T	PHONE	\$	36.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	94.27
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	57.97
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	73.93



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NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	73.93
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	67.16
NT&T	DC FAX	\$	46.39
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	126.54
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	48.37
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	5.63
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	59.37
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	80.41
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	161.64
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$	247.01
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	206.75
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	472.13
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	136.67
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	406.62
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER RENT	\$	170.07
	COUNTY		
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$	1,000.00
	PRISONER		
PHELPS COUNTY	BOARD	\$	90.00
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$	44.04
PLATTE VALLEY WMA	PVWMA DUES	\$	100.00
COURTNEY ROOT	MILEAGE	\$	150.30
SAWYER'S SERVICE	REPAIR	\$	72.53
SCOTTSBLUFF CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$	1.50
SEILER INSTRUMENT			
MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	250.00
	COUNTY		
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$	1,000.00
STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICE, INC.	MAINTENANCE	\$	5,731.00
STATE TREASURY MANAGEMENT			
DIVISION	REFUND	\$	1,324.99
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE/DUES	\$	295.87
T.O. HAAS TIRE CO.	CAR REPAIR	\$	359.64
	PRISONER		
THE THOMPSON CO	BOARD	\$	1,709.57
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	209.75
UNL ITS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	81.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	71.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	9.73E+09	\$	23.44
VISA	SUPPLIES	\$	207.86
REX WELLER	MILEAGE	\$	33.60
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MARCIA WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$	172.48
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$	40.32
WINGATE INN	LODGING	\$	93.95
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	REFILLS	\$	74.15
TOTAL		\$	162,707.42



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ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	STRUCTURES	\$ 6,566.84
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 2,142.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS & POSTS	\$ 105.55
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 114.86
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 2,097.53
CYNTHIA CATLETT	MILEAGE	\$ 160.16
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 407.11
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 1,023.41
JAMES CEPLECHA	MILEAGE	\$ 48.16
CHAMPLIN TIRE RECYCLING INC	TIRES	\$ 6,353.88
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE EQUIP	\$ 84.94
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$ 17.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 1,202.85
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 545.80
JACKSON LINEN SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 50.86
JACOBS SERVICE CENTER	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 339.22
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE	\$ 702.80
NACO	MEYER	\$ 120.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,316.17
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 53.09
NEBR. TRUCK CENTER, INC.	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 82.76
LEE NEEL	TRAVEL/UTILITY	\$ 72.40
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$ 55.23
NT&T/ROADS	TELEPHONE	\$ 79.73
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 19,545.54
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$ 1,528.30
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$ 337.70
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 34.35
JOHN E PROSOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
RAMADA PLACE/OMAHA HOTEL	LODGING	\$ 282.00
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,591.96
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 204.00
SOURCEGAS,LLC	GAS SERVICE	\$ 101.06
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 546.19
TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 3,540.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 99.01
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$ 41.95
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 74.68
CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	MILEAGE	\$ 43.12
TOTAL		\$ 66,832.21

JUVENILE DIVERSION

LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MEALS/JUV DIV	\$ 394.93
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE- JUVDIV	\$ 27.20



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NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	64.65
TOTAL		\$	486.78
INHERITANCE			
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET SRVC	\$	195.95
TOTAL		\$	195.95
E911			
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	413.79
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	71.64
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	102.55
MIPS	EQUIPMENT	\$	2,889.98
	E911 PHONE		
NNTC	SRV	\$	139.14
PLATTE VALLEY COMM.	RADIO LICENSE	\$	2,265.00
TOTAL		\$	5,882.10

Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the November 2014 claims as presented and the adjustment of \$30.00 from the Election Commissioner's budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: The Board went over to the jail for their quarterly inspection. Moved Helgoth, second Hahn to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk